

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (currently amended) Motor vehicle, with ~~comprising~~ a hybrid drive device having (4) ~~with~~ an internal combustion engine, (6) ~~and~~ at least one electric machine (8, 10); at least one electric energy storage mechanism (12); a fuel cell system (14) for generating electric power, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fuel cell system (14) is ~~designed as~~ an auxiliary power source for delivering a lower power than the internal combustion engine (6); a control unit (30) controls the operation of ~~is provided, by which~~ the fuel cell system (14) ~~can be~~ to operated continuously in a predetermined operating range or at a predetermined operating point of a high efficiency, with ~~whereby~~ the power the fuel cell system ~~it can deliver~~ being ~~can be~~ supplied at least to one power consuming device (8, 10, 12, 22, 24, 30) and any excess power of the fuel cell system (14) ~~can being~~ supplied to at least one additional power consuming device (8, 10, 12, 22, 24, 30) as required to maintain the high ~~delivery of power by the~~ fuel cell system (14) ~~as required for said high~~ efficiency.

2. (currently amended) Motor vehicle as claimed in Claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the excess power of the fuel cell system (14) ~~can be~~ is supplied at least partially into the at least one energy storage mechanism (12) so that the latter functions as the additional power consuming device.

3. (currently amended) Motor vehicle as claimed in Claim 1, wherein ~~or 2, characterized in that~~ the excess power ~~energy~~ can be at least partially supplied to the at least one electric machine (8, 10) as driving power, so that the electric machine serves as the additional power consuming device.

4. (currently amended) Motor vehicle as claimed in Claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ at least some of the excess power ~~energy~~ of the fuel cell system (14) can be supplied at least partially to the at least one electric machine (8, 10) ~~and/or to~~ the at least one energy storage mechanism (12) as a function of

at least one operating criterion so that at least one of these devices serve as the additional power consuming devices.

5. (currently amended) Motor vehicle as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the characterized in that at least one of the following operating criteria include a ~~is provided:~~ drive power demand of the motor vehicle, charge status and maximum charge capacity of the at least one electric energy storage mechanism.

6. (currently amended) Motor vehicle ~~Vehicle~~ according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the fuel cell system (14) ~~is designed, with respect to its~~ maximum deliverable power, ~~for only~~ is approximately equal to the maximum power demand of the vehicle electric system and of at least one secondary unit (22, 24) which does not deliver any driving power.

7. (currently amended) Motor vehicle ~~Vehicle~~ as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the characterized in that at least one of the following secondary units ~~is provided:~~ an air conditioning system, interior heating, seat heating, cigarette lighter, radio, television, navigation system, data processing system, ice chest, ~~or~~ refrigerator, window opener, door opener, sunroof opener, ~~or~~ convertible top opener, trunk opener, vehicle steering, vehicle brake system, vehicle interior lighting, vehicle exterior lighting, telecommunications system, compressor, oil pump, water pump, gasoline pump, a tool unit, ~~in particular~~ a cable winch ~~wench~~, vehicle lift or a street sweeper brush.

8. (currently amended) Motor vehicle ~~Vehicle~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the predetermined operating range or operating point is at or near the maximum efficiency  $\eta_{\max}$  of the fuel cell system (14).

9. (currently amended) Method for operating a motor vehicle with a hybrid drive device having an internal combustion engine, at least one electric

machine, a fuel cell system for generating electric power which delivers a lower power than the internal combustion engine, and at least one electric power storage mechanism, comprising the steps of

activating the fuel cell system;

operating the fuel cell system continuously in an operating range or at an operating point of high efficiency;

supplying at least a portion of the power generated by the fuel cell system to at least one power consuming device;

supplying any excess power generated by the fuel cell system to at least one other power consuming device in order to maintain a power demand on the fuel cell system corresponding to high efficiency operating range or operating point.

~~Method for operating a motor vehicle comprising a hybrid drive device (4) with an internal combustion engine (6) and at least one electric machine (8, 10); a fuel cell system (14) for generating electric power; at least one electric power storage mechanism (12), characterized in that the fuel cell system (14) is designed as an auxiliary power source for delivering a lower power than the internal combustion engine (6) and, when it is activated, it is operated continuously in an operating range or at an operating point of high efficiency, whereby the power it can deliver is supplied to at least one power consuming device (8, 10, 12, 22, 24, 30) and any excess power generated by the fuel cell system (14) is supplied to at least one other power consuming device (8, 10, 12, 22, 24, 30) to maintain the high power withdrawal from the fuel cell system (14) which is necessary for the aforementioned efficiency.~~

10. (currently amended) Method as claimed in Claim 9, wherein 8, ~~characterized in that the excess power energy of the fuel cell system is stored (14) can be stored~~ at least partially in one of the at least one energy storage mechanisms (12).

11. (currently amended) Method as claimed in Claim 9, wherein ~~or 10,~~  
~~characterized in that~~ the predetermined operating range or operating point is at  
or near the maximum efficiency of the fuel cell system ~~(14)~~.